

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CHRIS MANNAH,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER  
RAYMOND KELLY, DEPUTY INSPECTOR THERESA  
J. SHORTELL, POLICE OFFICER JOHN BATANUS,  
JOHN DOE POLICE OFFICER # 1-3,

Defendants.  
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**ANSWER**

**08 CV 4750 (DLC)**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Defendant Theresa Shortell<sup>1</sup>, by her attorney, Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, for her answer to the complaint, respectfully alleges upon information and belief, as follows:

1. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "1" of the complaint, except admit that plaintiff purports to bring this action as stated therein.
2. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "2" of the complaint.
3. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "3" of the complaint, except admits that plaintiff purports to seek the damages as stated.
4. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "4" of the complaint, except admits that plaintiff purports to bring this action and to invoke pendent and supplementary jurisdiction of the Court as stated therein.

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<sup>1</sup> Defendants City of New York and Raymond Kelly served their answer to plaintiff's complaint on or about August 12, 2008. Upon information and belief, defendant John Batanus has not yet been served with process in this action.

5. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “5” of the complaint, except admit that plaintiff purports to proceed as stated therein.

6. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “6” of the complaint, except admit that plaintiff purports to base venue as stated therein.

7. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “7” of the complaint.

8. Admits the allegations set forth in paragraph “8” of the complaint.

9. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “9” of the complaint, except admits that Raymond Kelly is the Commissioner of the New York City Police Department and that plaintiff purports to sue him as stated therein.

10. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “10” of the complaint, except admits that Theresa Shortell was employed by the City of New York as a police officer and plaintiff purports to sue her as stated therein.

11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph “11 of the complaint, except admits that John Batanus was employed by the City of New York as a police officer and plaintiff purports to sue him as stated therein.

12. Paragraph “12” of the complaint contains conclusions of law rather than averments of fact and accordingly requires no response.

13. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “13” of the complaint.

14. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “14” of the complaint.

15. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph “15” of the complaint.

16. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "16" of the complaint, including all subparts thereto.

17. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "17" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraph "1" through "16" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

18. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "18" of the complaint.

19. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "19" of the complaint.

20. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph "20" of the complaint, defendant repeats and realleges the responses set forth in paragraph "1" through "19" inclusive of this answer, as if fully set forth herein.

21. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "21" of the complaint.

22. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "22" of the complaint.

23. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "23" of the complaint.

24. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "24" of the complaint.

25. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "25" of the complaint.

26. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "26" of the complaint.

27. Denies the allegations set forth in paragraph "27" of the complaint.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

28. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

29. Defendant has not violated any rights, privileges or immunities under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

30. Any injury alleged to have been sustained resulted from plaintiff's own culpable or negligent conduct or that of a third party and was not the proximate result of the defendant.

**AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

31. Defendant Shortell has not violated any clearly established constitutional or statutory right of which a reasonable person would have known and therefore is protected by qualified immunity.

**AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

32. Plaintiff may have failed to comply with the conditions precedent to suit under State Law.

**AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

33. At all times relevant to the incident, defendant acted reasonably, in the proper, lawful exercise of her discretion.

**AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

34. Plaintiff provoked any incident.

**AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

35. Plaintiff's claims may be barred in part by the applicable statute of limitations.

**AS AND FOR A NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

36. There was probable cause for plaintiff's arrest, detention and prosecution.

**AS AND FOR A TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

37. Plaintiff's claims may be barred in part by the doctrines of *res judicata* and/or *collateral estoppel*.

**AS AND FOR AN ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**


38. Defendant Shortell was not personally involved in the incident(s) alleged in the complaint.

**WHEREFORE**, defendant Theresa Shortell requests judgment dismissing the complaint in its entirety, together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
August 18, 2008

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*Due and timely service is hereby admitted.*

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